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MBFR NEGOTIATIONS

FROM US REP MBFR

E.O. 11652: GDS
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SUBJ: MBFR NEGOTIATIONS: AHG REQUEST FOR RELEASE OF RED DATA

AT ITS DEC 19 MEETING, THE AD HOC GROUP APPROVED A REQUEST
TO THE NAC FOR DISCRETIONARY AUTHORIZATION TO TABLE NATO DATA
ON WARSAW PACT FORCES IN THE NGA (TEXT BELOW). REQUEST ALSO
ASKS THE NAC TO CONSIDER THE ISSUE OF THE ANOMALIES CREATED
BY THE WESTERN APPROACH TO CATEGORIZING MILITARY MANPOWER
BETWEEN GROUND AND AIR FORCES. PROPOSAL TO AUTHORIZE RELEASE
OF DATA ON WARSAW PACT FORCES WAS INTRODUCED INTO THE AHG BY
THE UK DELEGATION, VIGOROUSLY SECONDED BY FRG AND ITALIAN DELE-
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GATIONS AND SUPPORTED BY ALL OTHER DELEGATIONS. BEGIN TEXT:

1. AT THE INFORMAL SESSION ON 15 DEC WESTERN REPS PRESENTED
TO THE EAST THE "ADDITIONAL INFORMATION" CONTAINED IN ANNEX A
TO C-M (76) 83. THE SAME INFORMATION WAS FORMALLY TABLED BY THE
WESTERN SPEAKER AT THE PLENARY SESSION ON 16 DECEMBER.

2. AS PROVIDED FOR IN ANNEX B TO C-M (76) 83, WESTERN REPS AT THE 15 DEC INFORMAL SESSION ALSO REFERRED TO THE WEST'S 1973 DATA ON EASTERN FORCES AND RECALLED THE EARLIER STATEMENT BY WESTERN NEGOTIATORS THAT THE WESTERN ESTIMATE OF EASTERN GROUND FORCE MANPOWER HAD INCREASED. THESE POINTS, TOO, WERE REPEATED IN THE WESTERN PLENARY STATEMENT ON 16 DECEMBER.

3. THE AD HOC GROUP CANNOT AT PRESENT FORESEE EXACTLY WHEN IT WILL NEED TO TABLE THE LATEST AVAILABLE TOTALS FOR EASTERN UNIFORMED ACTIVE DUTY MILITARY GROUND FORCE PERSONNEL AND FOR EASTERN UNIFORMED ACTIVE DUTY MILITARY GROUND AND AIR FORCE PERSONNEL (ANNEX B TO C-M (76) 83 REFERS). THE AD HOC GROUP MUST, HOWEVER BE ABLE TO ACT PROMPTLY IF, IN ITS OPINION, IT BECOMES NECESSARY TO TABLE THIS DATA IN ORDER TO MAINTAIN THE WESTERN NEGOTIATING POSITION. THE GROUP CONSIDERS, THEREFORE, THAT IT IS DESIRABLE THAT THIS DATA ON EASTERN FORCES SHOULD BE AVAILABLE FOR USE, AT THE GROUP'S DISCRETION, AS FROM THE BEGINNING OF THE NEXT ROUND OF NEGOTIATIONS. THE AD HOC GROUP REQUESTS THAT THIS QUESTION BE EXAMINED URGENTLY AND THAT THE TWO TOTALS REFERRED TO ABOVE BE RELEASED NO LATER THAN 28 JANUARY.

4. IN VIEW OF THE FORTHCOMING DISCUSSION OF DATA AND DEFINITIONS, THE AD HOC GROUP ALSO REQUESTS THE COUNCIL TO CONSIDER THE ISSUE OF HOW TO DEAL WITH THE THREE ANOMALIES IN THE PRESENT WESTERN CATEGORIZATION OF MILITARY MANPOWER BETWEEN GROUND AND AIR FORCES.

5. AD HOC GROUP WOULD NOT, HOWEVER, WISH CONSIDERATION OF THE ANOMALIES ISSUE TO DELAY THE RELEASE OF THE NATO DATA ON WARSAW PACT FORCES AS REQUESTED ABOVE. RESOR

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